

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application. Claims 1-10 are pending in the current application. No claims have been canceled. No claims have been added. Claims 1, 5, and 7 have been amended.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-3 and 5-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,145,120 of Highland ("Highland"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

Specifically, claim 1 as amended includes the limitation, or a limitation similar thereto, of:

coordinating states of a web site, the states including code which effects the display and actions of the web site and at least one wizard operable to receive orders and to generate orders, wherein the display includes a user login screen; receiving a user ID and a password from a user; passing execution to an action state after receiving the user ID and the password;
maintaining a history of user interaction with the web site; and
maintaining an environment of the web site, the code of the states having access to the environment, wherein maintaining the environment includes maintaining the user ID and the password in the environment. (Applicant's Independent Claim 1 as amended).

In contrast, Highland fails to disclose that the states include at least one wizard operable to receive orders and to generate orders. Furthermore, Highland fails to disclose that the display includes a user login screen, receiving a user ID and a password from a

user, passing execution to an action state receiving the user ID and the password, maintaining a history of user interaction with the web site, and maintaining the user ID and the password in the environment.

Rather, Highland merely discloses an HTML Interpreter 212 to interpret the HTML generating displayable images and text on the user's screen and a Web Browser JavaScript Interpreter 214 to modify the images and text on the web page and to compute data values for display (Highland, col. 8, line 64 – col. 9, line10). Since Highland fails to disclose every limitation set forth in claim 1 as amended, Highland does not anticipate claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

For at least the reason discussed above with respect to claim 1, claims 5 and 7 are patentably distinguishable from Highland. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 2-3, 6, and 8-9 depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 5, and 7, respectively. Therefore, Highland fails to anticipate claims 2-3, 6, and 8-9 for at least the reason discussed above with respect to claims 1, 5, and 7. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 4 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,145,120 of Highland ("Highland"). Since claims 4 and 10 depend

from claims 1 and 7, respectively, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection for at least the reason discussed above with respect to claims 1 and 7.

Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 4 and 10 are not obvious over Highland because one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to modify Highland to come up with the invention as claimed. In the Office Action, the Examiner argued that it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Highland by including receiving indications of success or failure from the states because one would want to ensure that information is sent successfully. However, Highland does not disclose, suggest, or imply that the system in Highland may not send information successfully or any other reason why including receiving indications of success or failure from the states in the system in Highland would have been desirable. According to the MPEP § 2143.01, the prior art must suggest the desirability of the claimed invention. Therefore, it would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Highland to come up with the invention as claimed. For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 4 and 10 are patentable over Highland and withdrawal of the rejection is earnestly solicited.

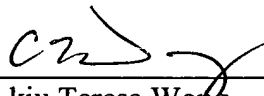
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Teresa Wong at (408) 720-8300, x377.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any fee deficiency that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,
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